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## Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for noon Wednesday, April 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 24 and Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

## Wabash Art Guild Members' Art Show returns for 2021

The 61st annual Wabash Art Guild 2021 Members' Art Show will be on display from Wednesday, March 24 through Sunday, April 25 at the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. There will be free admission available for the Clark Gallery during these dates from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The group is also interested in inviting new members who would like to contribute their works. For more information, call 260-563-7690.

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This year's keynote speaker Dr. Kenneth Foster, a professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, asks the audience to raise their hands if they had attended Purdue University.

# Saluting sustainability

## Annual Salute to Ag dinner honors Shenefield family

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee honored the 2020 Farm Family of the Year on Wednesday, March 10 at the Heartland REMC building, the concept of sustainability kept coming up.

The annual Salute to Ag dinner honored this year's recipient, Clover Blossom Honey, which is owned and operated in LaFontaine by David Shenefield and his family.

Project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse said they were being celebrated for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County's annual Salute to Ag Dinner on Wednesday, March 10.

Boulrisse said Dave Shenefield has also helped mentor young and novice beekeepers to get their apiaries started to keep the incredibly necessary art of beekeeping alive.

Before the dinner portion of the evening, emcee Howard Halderman said Shenefields are a third-generation farm family, which began operations in 1959.

Halderman said the Shenefields have beehives in 145



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locations in 14 counties in northern Indiana in the summertime.

Halderman said every late fall, their 2,000 hives leave the various locations around the state to head across the country for the largest pollination event in the world: the almond pollination in February in Central Valley of California.

Halderman said it was ironic that this was the top convergence of the year as that California does not "have a great bee population."

Yet, these important pollinators are a key factor in the continuance of this tradition.

"Beekeepers from all over

the country send hives there every winter," said Halderman.

This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Kenneth Foster, a professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, Foster who spoke about the importance of sustainability in agriculture.

Boulrisse said Foster is an avid beekeeper himself as well as a longtime friend of the Shenefield family.

Foster began his presentation by asking those in the audience to raise their hands if they had family members who currently attend Purdue University. Several hands went up. After that, he asked people to hold their hands up if they had attended Pur-

due University, even if they didn't graduate. Even more hands went up.

"That just about fills the room," he said, to laughter.

Foster said sustainability was "a big topic," which had been the topic of a book he had edited along with Jessica Eise, "How to Feed the World."

"There's a lot of noise, but very few of them speak from a perspective of expertise," said Foster.

Foster said the concept of trade-offs was "the challenge that we find in sustainability."

"How do we find the sweet trade-offs that give us more bang for the buck?" said Foster. "We're willing to give up one of these things to get a lot of another one."

Among other topics related to sustainability in agriculture, Foster discussed the possibilities of plant-based meat products in the future.

"The important thing for farmers is to watch these markets," said Foster. "'Is there an opportunity for me in this? Is there a threat for me in this? And if there's an opportunity, how do I capitalize on this? And if there is a threat, how do I adapt?'"

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## Honeywell Pool will not be used for triathlon

Visit Wabash County informs Parks Board costs would be too high

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Visit Wabash County will not be using the Mark C. Honeywell Pool to host part of the upcoming DAM(N)!MAN! extreme triathlon.

An emergency Wabash Park Board meeting which had originally been set for Wednesday to decide on the possibility of using the Honeywell Pool to host part of the event was canceled after Visit Wabash County decided the costs were too high.

On Wednesday, Parks superintendent Adam Hall said he had been informed by Visit Wabash County that they had decided to use the YMCA's pool for the event instead.

The discussion was prompted by Visit Wabash County creative lead Katie Jones, who addressed the board during last month's regular meeting about the upcoming extreme triathlon, DAM(N)!MAN!

Jones said like last year, DAM(N)!MAN! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Wabash County Century Ride, which will be Sunday, Sept. 12.

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## County remains in blue COVID advisory level

Number of those fully vaccinated locally reaching toward 5,000

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash County's positivity rating has been rising slightly, but the local COVID-19 advisory still remains in blue, the lowest level.

The Indiana State Department of Health's (ISDH) dashboard was updated at noon Wednesday, March 17 with results as of 11:59 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

Also at noon Wednesday, March 17, the ISDH's long-term care facilities dashboard was updated with information as of Wednesday, March 10.

During the latest update, no new cases or deaths among residents or staff in Wabash County long-term care facilities were reported for the first time in months.

As local cases remain relatively low to where they were just a few months ago, the number of those in Wabash County who have been fully or partially vaccinated continues to grow.

As of Friday, 4,763 people had been fully vaccinated in Wabash County, with 148 second doses having been administered locally on Thursday alone. Also as of Friday, 6,384 people locally had received at least their first dose, with 208 of those having been administered Thursday alone.

Statewide, as of Friday, a total of 2,304,727 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes

## Access Youth Center begins 'Nakota's Neighbors' project

Community Foundation memorial fund remembers fallen youth

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The community has already begun reaping the benefits of a fund that began late last year in remembrance of a fallen local child.

In December 2020, Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) development associate Melissa Ford said they had established the Nakota Kelly Remembrance Fund.

In August 2020, Anthony Dibiah, 37 – the father of Nakota "Fergie" Kelly, 10, of Wabash – was charged with murdering his son in July.

The jury trial was recently rescheduled for 9 a.m. Feb. 1 in Marion Superior Court. But, that date will be postponed again as the Indiana Supreme Court late last year handed down an Order Suspending Jury Trials statewide until March 1, "citing the need for drastic measures as COVID-19 continues to surge," according to chief public information officer Kathryn Dolan.

The pretrial conference has now been rescheduled for 1 p.m. Wednes-

day, May 5, and the jury trial has been rescheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, May 17, both before Judge Shatrese M. Flowers.

Ford said the new non-permanent fund was founded by Stan and Kathy Leland, to provide "financial support to Wabash County agencies and programs that support Wabash County at-risk children and their families."

Earlier this month, Ford said one agency that had requested a grant from the Nakota Kelly Remembrance Fund was the Access Youth Center (AYC), which serves Wabash County children and teens ages 8 to 18.

Ford said when children visit or participate in the AYC, "they are welcomed by caring and supportive adults who provide free snacks, engage them in activities and Bible study, and assist with homework."

"Nakota was an active part, along with his sister and mom, of the after-school programming at AYC," said AYC director Liz Hobbs. "It was easy to see that Nakota enjoyed having a choice among the variety of activities available at our location; some days he was all about playing pool and other afternoons he wanted to see how many of us he could beat in a 'Mario Kart' race. In that spirit, we want to provide



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One part of "Nakota's Neighbors" programming is the Northside Grab'n'Go snack program. Already, an average of 40 bags are distributed to youth every Thursday afternoon.

a safe space for students and eventually offer a variety of after-school activities on the northside, where Nakota lived."

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NAKOTA

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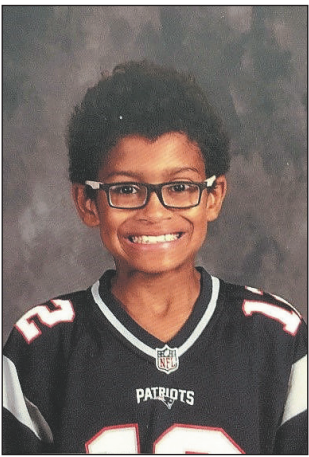
Ford said with this additional financial support from Nakota’s Fund, AYC has been able to extend its reach to the north side by forming new partnerships with the Wabash Alliance Church and adjacent Meadowbrook neighborhood to serve more children in the community.

“Location was key,” said Hobbs. “We wanted to provide programming near the Meadowbrook area and found that the folks at Wabash Alliance and the management at Meadowbrook were of like mind in that goal. We are incredibly thankful for the vision and leadership from all entities involved, including Nakota’s Fund, to make this programming a reality.”

Ford said to remember Kelly, the new AYC programming in the Meadowbrook area is called “Nakota’s Neighbors,” and is supported by Nakota’s Fund, Parkview Wabash Hospital’s Community Health Improvement Program, and the United Fund of Wabash County.

Ford said one part of “Nakota’s Neighbors” programming is the Northside Grabn’Go snack program. Already, an average of 40 bags are distributed to youth every Thursday afternoon.

Hobbs said the creation of this program on the north side “will enable AYC to



Another key component of Nakota’s Neighbors is the “BE Team.” The program and its name are designed “to encourage youth to imagine and realize who they can be, not based upon what others perceive them to be.”

build relationships with families in the area and will help establish the groundwork for future Family Day events.”

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“The BE Team is an opportunity for teens to gather in a group setting with a mentor for games, a meal, and Bible study,” said Hobbs. “We also want community outreach and service to be a key part of the program so that the youth can grow and make

a difference in the lives of others.”

Hobbs said earlier this month, the group packed 10 emergency kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), “and we are hoping to partake in community service activities off-site as well.”

Ford said the BE Team and the expanded AYC programming “will make a positive difference in the lives of many youth and families, like Nakota’s in Wabash County.”

“Nakota is missed by the many individuals who were impacted by his spiritedness and joy; we are humbled to receive grants from the Community Foundation fund that carries his name and grateful for the opportunity to provide programming that honors his memory,” said Hobbs.

Hobbs said the CFWC was “delighted to see the impact the Nakota Kelly Remembrance Fund is already having on youth and youth-serving organizations in Wabash County.”

To donate to the fund, visit cfwabash.org or send a check made out to the Community Foundation with “Nakota Kelly Remembrance Fund” in the memo line, mailed to the Community Foundation at 105 W. Second St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962.

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### 5-Day Weather Summary

<b>Saturday</b> Sunny 56 / 33	<b>Sunday</b> Sunny 62 / 37	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy 66 / 45	<b>Tuesday</b> Chance T-storms 64 / 50	<b>Wednesday</b> Scattered T-storms 63 / 45

#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 7:55 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:44 a.m.

First 3/21	Full 3/28	Last 4/4	New 4/11

#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 56°, humidity of 38%. East wind 7 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 32°. East wind 7 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 30°. Sunday, skies will be sunny, high temperature of 62°, humidity of 38%. Southeast wind 6 to 9 mph.

# Second Harvest Food Bank CEO announces retirement

Tim Kean has led the organization for the past nine years

STAFF REPORT

Second Harvest Food Bank (SHFB) of East Central has announced that President and CEO Tim Kean will retire effective at the end of the year in December of 2021, after leading the organization for the past nine years, according to marketing manager Kim Gillenwater.

“I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been part of this organization for the last 16 years,” Kean said. “Second Harvest is well-positioned for a strong future. We are in sound fiscal condition and have a great team assembled to move this organization forward into the new decade and beyond. Our strengths have always been in our effective programmatic focus to positively impact all the communities we serve. New leadership will leverage new opportunities and forge new relationships that will continue to add to the solid foundation that has been built. I am extremely grateful to all of our team

members and the Board of Directors for my opportunity to serve in this important mission.”



KEAN

Under Kean’s leadership, Second Harvest has launched several new initiatives and partnerships to complement the groups’ core mission of addressing food insecurity. These include an extensive rebranding to better define and communicate the organizations’ outreach, joining the National Diaper Bank Network to become a resource for families with young children, joining the Alliance for Period Supplies to help reduce educational barriers struggling families may face by providing access to period supplies for schools and families, a merger with Teamwork for Quality Living to address poverty alleviation, and creation of the Big Idea initiative to help foster relationship building between schools and parents.

Also, in 2020, during the pandemic, Kean successfully led Second Harvest to quickly adapt to address the

pandemic. SHFB was able to dramatically increase food distribution to serve the 8-county footprint of the organization, distributing over 14,800,000 pounds of food to individuals, families, seniors and children, the highest total ever in the 38-year history of SHFB.

“We would like to wish Tim continued success in his retirement and thank him for his tremendous service to the organization over the past 16 years. Second Harvest is solidly positioned both fiscally and programmatically to serve our communities. We are pleased that our growing impact & awareness are at an all-time high and our team is talented and engaged. Tim’s influence and steady hand have positioned Second Harvest well for his successor and the communities we serve,” said board chair Jack Basler,

Kean has been a longtime fixture in the Muncie and Anderson communities. Before joining Second Harvest in 2005, Kean was in the retail grocery business for 30 years with Pay Less Super Markets and Kroger where he served in several management positions.

# SJ Henderson joins Manchester University as CARE director

She works closely with Hands of Hope in Wabash, among other groups

By ANNE GREGORY

SJ Henderson joined Manchester University this semester as director of the Center for Advocacy, Response and Education (CARE).

The center provides confidential support and advocacy for survivors of sexual violence, domestic or dating violence, and stalking.

“About seven years ago, I began volunteering at a sexual assault center and have done everything from hospital advocacy to hotline advocacy to outreach work and administrative work. I came to Manchester University because I wanted to help guide the CARE program and make sure that the students here are aware of their resources



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SJ Henderson joined Manchester University this semester as director of the Center for Advocacy, Response and Education (CARE).

es as it pertains to sexual assault and domestic violence,” she said.

Just as important, she wanted an opportunity to talk to students about proactive approaches, such as what healthy relationships look like, bystander intervention and self-love.

“I do not want CARE to just be a place that students

come to after they have been violated, but a safe space for any student to come to as they continue a lifelong journey of getting to know their bodies and emotional architecture,” she said.

Henderson recently graduated from the University of Georgia with a Master of Social Work and a Master of Public Health.

At Manchester, Henderson coordinates a community response team, develops educational programs for CARE, and develops training programs for University employees who might respond to a report.

Because Manchester has campuses in Fort Wayne and North Manchester, she also works closely with community resources, such as Hands of Hope in Wabash, the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Center and the Fort Wayne Police Department Victim Assistance Program.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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# Obituaries

## Sharon McKinney

Services for Sharon McKinney are 2 p.m., Monday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester. Burial in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

## HONEYWELL

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Jones said the extreme triathlon would include a 3.1-mile swim, a 150-mile bike ride that goes with Dam to Dam and a 30-mile run afterward.

Jones said for the swimming portion, they were requesting to use the Honeywell Pool. She said the athletes would arrive at the home base location at InGuard at 4:30 a.m. and then trolley-shuttled to the pool for a 5 a.m. start time. She said the swimmers would then have until 7 a.m. to shuttle back to InGuard.

Jones said they have slots for 25 people in the swimming portion of the extreme triathlon, some of which would individuals, while others would be a part of teams.

Jones said they wanted to use the Honeywell Pool instead of the pool at the YMCA because of the Olympic length and width.

During this month's regular meeting, Hall said the costs associated with keeping the pool open for an extra month beyond the traditional end of the season just for the event were estimated at around \$1,000.

However, the cost proved too high for Visit Wabash County.

"We respect the Park Board's decision to require a fee to use the pool to cover the operating expenses associated with keeping it open for an additional month just for our event," said Visit Wabash County executive director Christine Flohr. "They have a fiscal responsibility to the city when it comes to operating the facility. Unfortunately, that fee is too high for the event's budget."

On Wednesday, Hall said that since the triathlon would not be scheduled for the Honeywell Pool, that they would close at their traditional time in the season once again this year in August.

The Honeywell Pool is set to open in a few months according to its normal schedule after being closed last year.

In May 2020, the board decided by a 4 to 2 vote to close the pool for the 2020 season due to concerns over COVID-19.

But, during this month's regular board meeting, Hall said they were planning on moving forward as usual.

The next Parks Board regular monthly meeting is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14.

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Another day, with yet another funeral.

Catholics in Nigeria have buried many priests and believers killed in their country's brutal wars over land, cattle, honor and religion. But this was the first time Bishop Matthew Hassan

Kukah of the Sokoto Diocese had preached at the funeral of a seminarian. A suspect in the crime said 18-year-old Michael Nnadi died urging his

attackers to repent and forsake their evil ways.

"We are being told that this situation has nothing to do with religion," said Kukah, in remarks distributed across Nigeria in 2020. "Really? ... Are we to believe that simply because Boko Haram kills Muslims, too, they wear no religious garb? Are we to deny the evidence before us, of kidnappers separating Muslims from infidels or compelling Christians to convert or die?"

The bishop was referring to fierce debates – in Nigeria and worldwide – about attacks by Muslim Fulani herders on Christian and Muslim farmers in northern and central Nigeria. The question is whether these gangs have been cooper-

ating with Boko Haram, Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State.

The conflict has claimed Catholics, Anglicans, Pentecostal Christians and many others, including Muslims opposed to the violence. Prominent Muslim leaders have condemned Boko Haram, and church leaders have condemned counterattacks by Christians. In recent years it has become next to impossible to keep track of the number of victims, including mass kidnappings of school-children and the murders of clergy and laypeople, including beheadings.

"Religion is not the only driver of the mass atrocities," said Nina Shea of the Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom, in December testimony before members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "Not all 40 million members of the Fulani ethnic group in the region are Islamic extremists. However, there is evidence that some fraction of the Fulani have an explicit jihadist agenda. ...

"A mounting number of attacks in this region also evidence deep religious hatred, an implacable intolerance of Christians, and an intent to eradicate their presence by violently driving them out, killing them or forcing them to convert."

In a sobering Feb. 23 statement, the Catholic Bishop's Conference of Nigeria warned that the "nation is falling apart."

But conditions could quickly get worse, the bishops said, because the "clamor for self-defense is fast gaining ground. Many ethnic champions are loudly beating the drums of war, calling not only for greater autonomy but even for outright opting out of a nation in which they have lost all trust. ... Calls for secession on an ethnic basis from many quarters should not be ignored or taken lightly."

During the Lenten season preceding Easter, which is on April 4 for Catholics and Western Christians, the Nigerian bishops led a protest march in the rain, starting at the National Christian Center in the capital city of Abuja, in the center of Nigeria.

"We join you in deploring ... wanton violence and in calling on the international community to assist the security forces of Nigeria to protect all life and reestablish the rule of law," wrote Bishop David J. Mallory, head of the Committee on International Justice and Peace for the U.S. Catholic bishops.

Before that protest, Lagos Archbishop Alfred Martin posted an online appeal to his flock, urging them to

resist the temptation to fight back. There is "so much mutual suspicion, ethnic and religious, and sadly it is gradually degenerating into hatred and loathing of one another. This is made worse by the perception that government – that has the responsibility of ensuring equity and justice, the two values that assure peace and mutual love – is perceived as not doing its duty, or even worse, as promoting the activities that lead to mutual suspicion."

In the end, he said, "It takes supernatural grace to love those who hate us."

Bishop Kukah was even more blunt during his funeral sermon for the murdered seminarian.

"Through violence, you can kill the liar, but you cannot kill lies or install truth," he said. "Through violence, you can murder the terrorist, but you cannot end terrorism. Through violence, you can murder the violent, but you cannot end violence. Through violence, you can murder the hater, but you cannot end hatred. Unredeemed man sees vengeance as power, strength and the best means to teach the offender a lesson. These are the ways of the flesh."

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## COVID

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1,389,008 first doses and 915,719 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

During a televised press conference on Wednesday, March 10, state health commissioner Kristina Box said around 12.7 percent of the state's population is now fully vaccinated.

Box said they were working to meet President Joe Biden's recently-announced federal directive to make vaccinations available for all adults as of May 1.

However, Box said that their ability to meet this goal is out of their hands to a great extent.

"The federal government determines our allocation," said Box.

Box said the ISDH has found that Indiana has been receiving thousands of fewer doses each week than other, similarly-sized states.

Box said they have been informed that there will be greater availability of vaccine doses starting near the end of this month.

Hoosiers age 45 and old-

er, along with healthcare workers, long-term care residents, first responders who are regularly called to the scene of an emergency to render medical assistance, and educators and school support staff through grade 12 are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. To schedule, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance.

"Additional locations and appointments are being added as more vaccine becomes available," stated the ISDH.

### School figures

The ISDH's school dashboard was updated Monday, March 15 with data as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 12. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Mondays.

Statewide, 149 schools reported no cases, 1,930 reported one or more cases and 289 have not reported.

During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

■ Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported 53 total student positive cases, 11 total teacher positive cases and nine total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported six total student positive cases,

fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Intermediate School (MIS) reported eight total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Heartland Career Center reported fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Sharp Creek Elementary School reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported 39 total student positive cases, six total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases.

■ O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 12 total student positive cases, 10 total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Wabash Middle School reported 12 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five to-

tal staff positive cases.

■ Wabash High School reported 15 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ St. Bernard Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

■ Southwood Jr./Sr. High School (SHS) reported 16 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

Schools of higher learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard. On-campus COVID-19 testing began again the week of Jan. 4. Updates to this dashboard will be made each Friday to reflect the current week of testing and the semester to date. As of Friday, March 12, a total of 567 tests were performed the previous week, with 99.6 percent being negative, and .4 percent of them being positive. There have been 3,930 total tests performed this semester, with 99.7 per-

cent of them being negative, and .3 percent of them being positive. During that week, there was no self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and one self-reported case on the Fort Wayne campus. This semester, there have been nine self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and seven self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus.

### Local figures

■ On Wednesday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,363, with 14,406 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 3.1 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 10 percent.

■ On Thursday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,366, with 14,422 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4.1 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 10 percent.

■ On Friday, the ISDH reported one new local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,367, with 14,443 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4 percent. The local sev-

en-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 9.9 percent.

### Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 878 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 676,247 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

A total of 12,510 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 15 from the previous day. Another 412 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

To date, 3,205,024 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,199,074 on Thursday. A total of 8,592,072 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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## PULSE

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### Local landmark looks to be added to National Register of Historic Places

The nomination of the 13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater to the National Register of Historic Places will be considered at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

### Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for April 15 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the chil-

dren at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

### WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of "Play On!" by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more information, email [brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com](mailto:brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com).

### Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District's annual Spring Tox-Away Day. The city will offer curbside spring clean-up from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash's Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester's would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Satur-

day, May 15. The gates will close "promptly" at 1 p.m. on both days.

### Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant's course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at [www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop) or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or by phone at 260-563-5258.

### Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work

is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

### COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital "on an on-going basis." Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

### DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

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# Opinion

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.  
— Romans 13:10

# What Biden can do about the border crisis

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy took a break from reading Dr. Seuss to visit the U.S.-Mexico border Monday, but he was still speaking in the simplistic terms of children's literature. During an appearance with other lawmakers in El Paso, McCarthy, R-Bakersfield, attempted to brand the latest surge of migrants the "Biden border crisis."

McCarthy was right in one respect: The border is President Biden's problem now. His administration is struggling to handle the influx of migrants arriving there, particularly the children among them, as competently and humanely as it should. But the idea that Biden created or even exacerbated the problem is as fictitious as "Green Eggs and Ham."

Last month, the Biden administration reversed former President Donald Trump's policy of turning away unaccompanied children seeking asylum at the border, as migrants have a right to do under U.S. and international law. The reversal was legally and morally correct, and it should extend to adult asylum seekers. The administration is still following its predecessors' policy of expelling adult migrants ostensibly as a means of controlling the spread of the pandemic, a dubious pretext given that the United States has consistently

been one of the world's coronavirus hot spots.

Did Biden's policy shift bring about the latest wave of migrants, as McCarthy and company contend? It's certainly possible that it played a role. But the border has seen cyclical surges of unaccompanied minors since 2014, back when Biden was vice president. More than 40,000 have arrived every year since, and the number peaked at over 70,000 under the punitive and supposedly deterrent policies of the Trump administration.

The fact is that upheaval, violence, poverty and other hardships in Central America and Mexico drive northward migration regardless of U.S. policy changes, which are communicated to prospective immigrants in unpredictable ways by smugglers and other unreliable sources. Biden has rightly sought to target what drives migration through increased investment in the countries that are home to the migrants.

That is a long-term strategy that won't address the present influx, however. And finding a way to do that more effectively is urgent.

With thousands of children being held in inadequate, overwhelmed Border Patrol detention facilities longer than legally allowed, and thousands more in Department of Health and Human

Services shelters awaiting placement with sponsors, the administration deployed Federal Emergency Management Agency personnel last week to help manage the surge. Meanwhile, immigrant advocates held a rally Monday at Mountain View's Moffett Field, the former military base where federal officials are considering keeping children who can't be accommodated elsewhere.

Holding unaccompanied minors has to be distinguished from the notorious Trump administration policy that separated families, but it still results in the inherently harmful detention of children. The Biden administration must strive to keep such detentions as rare and as brief as possible.

Officials say they are doing so by easing the placement of young migrants with relatives and allowing them to apply for asylum in their home countries. Both steps required reversing some of the many Trump administration policies that blocked asylum seekers across the board instead of addressing systemic problems.

Lawmakers' refusal to undertake comprehensive reform also perpetuates long-standing failures. Unfortunately, McCarthy and company would rather be hamming it up.

*This editorial was first published in the San Francisco Chronicle.*



# Spring is here and so is baseball

By MARK FRANKE

I watched my first baseball spring training game last Sunday and was immediately transported back into the mists of memory, that of a young boy at the first sign of spring heading outside with his glove, baseball and pitch-back contraption.

First, a word about that pitchback. It was a metal frame with netting strung across it and a strike-zone target. An aspiring pitcher, I would deliver a repertoire of pitches at the target and the netting would rebound the ball back into the pitcher's glove. That was the theory but it required that the pitch actually find the target and be thrown with enough velocity to generate adequate return energy. I was neither fast nor accurate back then, so theory did not meet reality in my backyard. At least the ball landed somewhere close to my make-believe pitcher's mound and not in the neighbor's yard.

I knew it was spring when the local newspaper began reporting the scores of spring training games. That was all I needed to get myself into mental shape for the upcoming summer baseball league hosted at the local junior-high playground just across the sand dune near my house.

It also meant that the new series of baseball cards were now available at the small grocery up the hill. It was only a nickel for a pack of five cards, if memory serves, plus a piece of industrial strength bubble gum that was an existential threat to the structural

integrity of my teeth.

That was 66-plus years ago and my pitching arm is even less capable today of both speed and accuracy, let alone the ability to throw more than three pitches before requiring physical therapy. Fortunately, the boyhood love of baseball remains, albeit in spectator-only mode.

My local minor league baseball team, the Fort Wayne TinCaps, just announced their 2021 schedule. This is a clarion call to a banquet of baseball sustenance for a famished fan, terribly undernourished after the cancellation of minor league baseball last year. COVID has a lot to answer for, if I could just figure out whom to blame.

The TinCaps are the High Class A affiliate of the San Diego Padres. I'm not a Padres fan; my prejudice is to ignore any sports franchise that did not exist in 1959. I do respect the Padres organization for its policy of growing internally through talent development within its minor league system. Even though I pretend not to follow the Padres, I do watch for ex-TinCaps on the big-league roster.

How can a baseball fan not follow Fernando Tatis Jr.? He just signed a 14-year contract, locking him into a lifetime commitment to the Padres and an expectation of banking \$340 million over that time. That's more than the annual budget of over 30 countries in the world although less than an hour's worth of profligate deficit spending in Washington D.C. It's all a matter of perspective, although certainly not any kind of perspective

understood by this retiree.

When my wife told our four-year-old grandson that the TinCaps would be playing soon, his response was, "Will Papa take me to the games?" He loves to go to the ballpark and actually watches an inning or two, wondering why he can't go down onto the field to play. Eventually the siren call of the concession stand and the kiddie playground entices him. I'll credit the TinCaps for understanding how to make the ballpark a family outing venue.

Maybe I am reverting to my childhood or perhaps I never grew up, Peter Pan style. Or could it be that baseball is so integral to American culture that it bridges ages, social classes, educational level and whatever else the cancel culture mob uses as a wedge to destroy our ethos as a united community? Several books have been written about father-son bonding when differences were pulling them apart. (For a humorous take on this, read "Are We Winning?" by Will Leitch.)

Meanwhile, I'm watching the last of the snow melt away and counting down to opening day, both for the majors and for the TinCaps. And, to an extent, reliving my younger years vicariously through today's professional players such as Tatis Jr.

I just hope I am still going to games in 14 years when Fernando cashes his last paycheck of that \$340 million.

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# Two sides of the minimum wage

With a minimum wage increase once again prominently featuring a policy debate, it seems wise to treat the issue a bit differently. Instead of outlining the positive and negative effects of a particular increase of the minimum wage, I'll offer the best arguments for and against any minimum wage. In so doing I'll attempt an ideological Turing test, making the arguments so clearly that a reader cannot discern my personal position. By explaining the best arguments on both sides, I hope to achieve two goals. The first is to make clear the need for compromise. The second is to maximize angry comments from readers. Wish me luck.

**Michael Hicks**



The best argument for a minimum wage involves several labor market failures that affect low-wage workers. It begins with the fact that

most low-wage workers are in a poor position to negotiate wages. They may be young, inexperienced, poorly educated or speak little English. Employers have enormous bargaining power over them in ways they do not with better-skilled, better-educated, more mature workers.

At the same time, labor markets have become increasingly concentrated, thus employers are more able to exert market power over workers. Information technology, such as online help wanted ads, permits employers to engage in tacit collusion in setting salaries for low wage workers. Likewise, human resource professionals in many cities and industries meet frequently to discuss wage and benefits standards. While this is so plainly illegal that the U.S. DOJ issued a recent warning to HR professionals, state-level anti-trust enforcement is sadly almost non-existent.

At the same time, the social safety net provides many health, food and social benefits to low-wage workers. In a perfectly free labor market, workers would require extra pay to support their families and would demand higher wages. In that way, taxpayers subsidize low-wage workers in ways that benefit employers and those who buy their goods or services. For all these reasons, we should have a minimum wage in order to protect workers and taxpayers from the existing labor market's failures.

The best argument in opposition to a minimum wage is that government should not, and cannot, be in the wage- or price-setting business. Government has no role in a great many high-stakes personal decisions. Government cannot tell us what language to speak, what church to attend, who to marry or with whom to form a family.

No government may tell us adults how much alcohol we may consume, whether or not we can smoke tobacco, nor increasingly whether or not we may freely purchase cannabis or other drugs. Government cannot tell us whether or not we may own a gun or what type of house, automobile or boat we may own. Government isn't permitted to do these things because free people won't allow government to do these things.

There is also a simple competence issue. Our federal government spent more than \$100 million each for an F-35A fighter, paid for most of Boston's Big Dig debacle and wholly funded a bridge to nowhere in Alaska. Given these enormous limitations in knowledge, no government can reasonably tell an ice cream shop owner in Loogootee what she should pay a high school student or tell the high school student how little he should be willing to work for. The mere existence of a minimum wage infantilizes Americans, while depriving them of an essential freedom of free exchange.

There are other respectable arguments for and against a minimum wage, as well as many poor ones. Still, I hope I have done a fair job outlining these two viewpoints, which I consider the best for and against a minimum wage. If I have done so, and you, dear reader, are honest with yourself, you must admit that both the argument for and against hold a great deal of truth. I would go so far as to say that both arguments are essentially true.

The policy environment facing functioning democracies is almost always like the minimum wage debate. Both sides offer argument possessed of both supportive facts and truth. Yet, entirely reasonable, educated and well-meaning people still disagree. It is a hallmark of a liberal democracy that our policy debates are dominated by matters in which compromise is not just possible, but necessary. That is largely because we've solved most of those problems where compromise is not possible. So, give thanks for this type of political disagreement; it marks us as an advanced, functioning democracy.

Those nations that lack a well-functioning democracy have fewer debates that lead to compromise. In those unhappy places, simple facts are often in dispute, and the most mundane of policy matters marked with cultural or national consequence. Citizens outside of democracy often view compromise as losing, as a lack of patriotism or as caving to the enemy. We must not admire the politics of these sad, insecure and failing places.

Our circumstance is to be envied. Our Constitution, our norms and our culture permit us to debate matters with respect and understanding. So, within a liberal democracy, we do not have enemies over public policy. Our only domestic enemies are those who seek to undermine those bonds, break our Constitutional norms or exclude some of us from deliberation.

As Congress commences a debate on increasing the minimum wage, we should view this as a crucial moment for our Republic. We have just passed through the most significant assault on our Constitution since the Civil War. Our ability to overcome that and prevent it in the future depends in part on how effectively we compromise over legislation. We should view the minimum wage as a good place to start.

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

**Asbury Country Church**

On Sunday, March 21 at Asbury Country Church, Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Kathy Staggs. The morning message will be, "Watch!!" by Pastor Mike Bullick.

**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

**Catholic Church Province of Indianapolis**

According to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications for Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the following statement has been issued by the Catholic bishops of the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Lafayette, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Evansville: "While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond Sunday, Nov. 1 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation." Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options, are available on the diocesan website at [www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19).

**Christ United Methodist Church**

On Sunday, March 21 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be Matthew 6:25-34 with a sermon reflection titled "Don't Worry." Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

**Christian Heritage Church**

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

**College Corner Brethren Church**

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

**Common Ground Prayer House**

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

**Dora Christian Church**

At the Sunday, March 21 services at the Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We are still having two in-person mornings Sunday services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski's message for this Sunday will be, "After God's Own Heart" from 1 Samuel 13:14. The Communion Table will be served by Chuck Marion and Brad Frieden. There will be a Children's Church provided for the 10:30 a.m. service, to be taught by Kelly and Lynnette Good. If you can't make it to the Live Services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski's sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

**LaFontaine Christian Church**

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

**LaFontaine United Methodist Church**

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

**Lincolnville United Methodist Church**

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. There will be an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 27 at the church.

**Living Faith Lutheran Church**

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

**Manchester Church of the Brethren**

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

**North Manchester Congregational Christian Church**

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

**North Manchester Missionary Church**

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

**Olive Branch Church of God**

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. At this time we are not having Sunday School. On Sunday, March 21, Pastor Jack Suits will speak on Ephesians 5:21-6:4, "Relationships - Part 3." For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvumc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvumc@hotmail.com).

**Roann United Methodist Church**

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have service in person at the church along with being online at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 21. The sermon will be taken from John 13:1-17 titled "Humility."

**Southside Free Will Baptist**

Streaming on their Facebook page.

**Sweetwater Assembly of God**

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

**Urbana Yoke Parish**

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

**Wabash Church of the Brethren**

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the Guest Preacher.

**Wabash Church of the Nazarene**

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

**Wabash First Church of God**

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 21 worship service, Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "Find the Most Excellent Way." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Pastor Robb Rensberger, chairperson; Sue White, worship; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

**Walk By Faith Community Church**

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann's Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

**Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash**

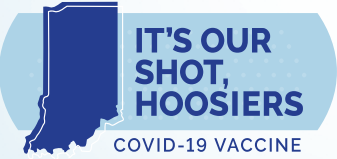
Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](http://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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# Biden, Harris offer solace to grieving Asian Americans

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, JEFF AMY and ZEKE MILLER  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris offered solace to Asian Americans and a reeling nation on Friday as they visited Atlanta just days after a white gunman killed eight people, most of them Asian American women.

The visit, during a nationwide spike of anti-Asian violence, has added resonance with the presence of Harris, the first person of South Asian descent to hold national office. And it comes as Biden on Friday expressed support for the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, a bill that would strengthen the government’s reporting and response to hate crimes and provide resources to Asian American communities.

Biden met Friday with Asian American state legislators and other community leaders before he and Harris delivered remarks.

“We’re going to discuss the ongoing attacks against the community and how we move forward,” Biden tweeted. “It’s up to all of us to root out racism and give hate no safe harbor in America.”

White House principal deputy press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said to expect Biden to “meet the moment that we are in.”

“He understands and knows that over the past year that the community has been vilified and been scapegoated and they’ve been attacked,” she said.

Their trip was planned before the shooting, as part of a victory lap aimed at selling the benefits of pandemic relief legislation. But Biden and Harris instead are spending much of their visit consoling a community whose growing voting power helped secure their victory in Georgia and beyond.

Activists have seen a rise of racist attacks. Nearly 3,800 incidents have been reported to Stop AAPI Hate, a California-based reporting center for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and its partner advocacy groups, since March 2020.

In his first primetime address to the nation as president last Thursday – five days before the Atlanta killings at three metro-area massage businesses – Biden called attacks on Asian Americans “un-American.”

Biden also used the visit to tour the headquarters of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where he received a briefing on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and delivered a pep talk to the agency’s scientists.

“We owe you a gigantic debt of gratitude and we will for a long, long, long time,” Biden said, adding that under his administra-

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tion “science is back” driving policy to combat the virus.

Though the originally planned political event to tout the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill has been delayed, the White House confirmed that the president would still meet with Georgia voting rights advocate Stacy Abrams, Democrats’ likely 2022 candidate for governor, as Republicans in the state legislature push several proposals to make it harder to vote in the state. He will also meet with newly minted Democratic Sens. Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock and Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms.

As the fastest-growing racial demographic in the U.S. electorate, Asian Americans are gaining political influence across the country. In California, two Korean American Republican women made history with their congressional victories. The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, typically dominated by Democrats, has its largest roster ever, including Asian American and Pacific Islander members and others who represent significant numbers of Asian Americans.

“We’re becoming increasingly more visible and active in the political ecosystem,” said Georgia state Sen. Michelle Au, a Democrat who represents part of the growing, diversifying suburbs north of Atlanta. Yet, Au said, “What I’ve heard personally, and what I have felt, is that people sometimes don’t tend to listen to us.”

Au said a White House spotlight, especially amid tragedy, is welcomed by a community often overshadowed in national conversations about diversity. She notes President Donald Trump and other Republicans merely brushed off charges of racism when they dubbed the coronavirus the “China virus” because of its origins.

“To have them talk about it in this way, so publicly, and to say AAPI, or to note that our communities are going through difficult times, is huge,” Au said.

As he boarded Air Force One on Friday morning, Biden, who was wearing a mask, stumbled several times up the stairs to the aircraft, before saluting the military officer who greeted him on the tarmac. Jean-Pierre said Biden was “doing 100 percent fine.”

# CDC changes school guidance, allowing desks to be closer

By MIKE STOBBE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Students can safely sit just 3 feet apart in the classroom as long as they wear masks but should be kept the usual 6 feet away from one another at sporting events, assemblies, lunch or chorus practice, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday in relaxing its COVID-19 guidelines.

The revised recommendations represent a turn away from the 6-foot standard that has sharply limited how many students some schools can accommodate. Some places have had to remove desks, stagger schedules and take other steps to keep children apart.

Three feet “gives school districts greater flexibility to have more students in for a prolonged period of time,” said Kevin Quinn, director of maintenance and facilities at Mundelein High School in suburban Chicago.

In recent months, schools in some states have been disregarding the CDC guidelines, using 3 feet as their standard. Studies of what happened in some of them helped sway the agency, said Greta Massetti, who leads the CDC’s community interventions task force.

“We don’t really have the evidence that 6 feet is required in order to maintain low spread,” she said. Also, younger children are less likely to get seriously ill from the coronavirus and don’t seem to spread it as much as adults do, and “that allows us that confidence that that 3 feet of physical distance is safe.”

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said the revised recommendations are a “roadmap to help schools reopen safely, and remain open, for in-person instruction.” She said in-person schooling gives students not only “the education they need to succeed” but access to crucial social and mental health services.

The new guidance:

- Removes recommendations for plastic shields or other barriers between desks. “We don’t have a lot of evidence of their effectiveness” in preventing transmission, Massetti said.

- Advises at least 3 feet of space between desks in elementary schools, even in towns and cities where community spread is high, so long as students and teachers wear masks and take other precautions.

- Says spacing can also be 3 feet in middle and high schools, so long as there is not a high level of spread in the community. If there is, the distance should be at least 6 feet.

The CDC said 6 feet should still be maintained in common areas, such as school lobbies, and when masks can’t be worn, such as when eating.

Also, students should be kept 6 feet apart in situations where there are a lot of people talking, cheering



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Students with protective masks sitting in school desks in their classroom. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday relaxed its COVID-19 guidelines for schools, saying students can sit 3 feet apart in the classroom as long as they wear masks.

or singing, all of which can expel droplets containing the coronavirus. That includes chorus practice, assemblies and sports events.

Teachers and other adults should continue to stay 6 feet from one another and from students, the CDC said.

The CDC’s 6-foot advice for schools, issued last year, was the same standard applied to workplaces and other settings. In contrast, the World Health Organization suggested 1 meter – a little over 3 feet – was sufficient in schools. The American Academy of Pediatrics says desks should be 3 feet apart and “ideally” 6 feet.

The CDC guidance was problematic for many schools that traditionally had 25, 30 or more children per classroom in closely grouped desks. Some schools adopted complicated schedules. For example, half a class might come to school on some days, and the other half on other days.

Some schools stopped using lockers and staggered when different grades could

move between classes to avoid crowding in the halls, where maintaining any distance at all can be difficult.

The Ridley school system in suburban Philadelphia took steps like that to abide by the 6-foot guideline. But neighboring communities went with 3 feet, “and we’re not seeing the data really reflect a different spread rate,” said Lee Ann Wentzel, district superintendent.

Even before the CDC acted, the district had decided to shift to 3-foot distancing next month. Wentzel said the change in CDC guidance will make it easier to explain and defend the decision.

A recent study in Massachusetts looked at students and staff members in schools that used the 3-foot standard and those that had the 6-foot one. It found no significant difference in infection rates.

Massetti said other research has also been influential, including two studies the CDC released Friday. One out of Utah found low coronavirus transmission rates among students who did a good job

wearing masks and whose desks were only 3 feet apart. The other study, done in Missouri, pointed to a similar conclusion.

Still, the change at the CDC met with skepticism in some quarters.

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, said the 1.6-million-member union is reviewing the latest research, “but we are concerned this change has been driven by a lack of physical space rather than the hard science on aerosol exposure and transmission.”

Dr. Lawrence Kleinman, a professor of pediatrics and global urban public health at Rutgers University in New Jersey, said 3 feet is “probably safe” if schools are doing everything right – if everyone is wearing masks correctly at all times and washing their hands, and if ventilation is good. But he said that’s unlikely.

“I will not send my child to a school that’s distancing at 3 feet,” said Kleinman, who has a 4-year-old daughter.

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## Add a little spring to your dinner plate

Spring is right around the corner, and while the weather might not look like it’s received the memo in some areas, this recipe is a bit of spring inspiration that will surely lighten up your dinner plate no matter where you sit. It’s a fresh and lovely pasta dish, bright with citrus and brimming with sweet and snappy peas, fresh herbs and baby arugula.

The pasta in this recipe is orzo, which resembles rice, but is in fact made from semolina flour. It’s toothsome and satisfying to eat, and the little morsels bind together this garden-fresh pasta salad. In this recipe the orzo is cooked and drained, and while still warm, tossed with the peas and aromatics to release their flavor. Fresh herbs and arugula are then added to lightly wilt and release their aroma. This is a delicious side dish or a light main course. Either way, it’s guaranteed to bring a breath of fresh air to your kitchen table.

Lynda Balslev



**Pea and Orzo Salad**  
**Active Time: 15 minutes**  
**Total Time: 25 minutes**  
**Yield: Serves 3 to 4**

- 12 ounces orzo pasta
  - 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
  - 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
  - 1 cup defrosted frozen peas
  - 1 garlic clove, minced
  - 1 teaspoon lemon zest
  - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
  - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
  - 1 handful baby arugula, about 1 cup packed
  - 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, chopped
  - 1/4 cup fresh dill sprigs
  - 2 tablespoons chopped chives
  - Grated Parmesan or crumbled feta cheese for garnish
- Bring a large pot of salted water to a rolling boil. Add the orzo and cook until al dente, following package instructions. Drain the orzo and transfer to a large bowl.
- Stir in the oil and lemon juice and then add the peas, garlic, lemon zest, salt, red pepper flakes and black pepper. Stir to combine and gently warm the peas. Add the arugula, mint, dill and chives and stir to gently wilt the arugula. If the pasta is too dry, add 1 more tablespoon oil and taste for seasoning. Serve garnished with the grated Parmesan or feta and freshly ground black pepper. Serve at room temperature or chilled.



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

## The IRS has sent out 90 million stimulus payments – here’s how to check when yours will arrive

The Internal Revenue Service told financial institutions to expect roughly 90 million direct deposits amounting to \$242.2 billion on March 17 in the initial distribution of the American Rescue Plan stimulus payments, according to a banking industry group.

Following the deposits, the IRS mailed an additional 150,000 checks amounting to \$442 million, with a pay date of March 19, according to the Independent Community Bankers of America, based on a briefing from the IRS.

“Additional batches of payments will be sent in the coming weeks with the vast majority sent by direct deposit,” the group said in an online update to banking members. “Payments will also be sent through the mail as a check or debit card.”

The American Rescue Plan provides a third round of direct stimulus payments, up to \$1,400 for individuals, \$2,800 for couples, and an additional \$1,400 for each dependent regardless of age.

If you haven’t received your deposit, here’s some information that may help you figure out when your money will arrive and what to do if you get your funds on a prepaid debit card.

Why could some people get access to their money earlier than March 17?

The IRS announced that the settlement date for the initial wave of economic-impact payments by direct deposit would be March 17.

Some people have been upset that others have had access to the direct deposit before the March 17 date. But nothing nefarious is happening at those institutions that didn’t make the money available sooner, according to Nacha, the organization that governs the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network.

“Banks and credit unions

will make funds from direct deposits available to their customers by the same day that they receive the funds from the IRS,” according to Mike Herd, senior vice president of ACH Network Administration at Nacha. “Banks and credit unions are not delaying the payments, nor are they earning interest on funds they don’t have.”

Nacha said in a statement that its rules require that banks and credit unions make the funds available to the account holders by 9 a.m. local time on the settlement date.

“It is up to the sender – in this case, the IRS – to decide when it wants the money to be made available,” Nacha said in its statement. “This is literally the moment in time when the money will be transferred from the government to banks’ and credit unions’ settlement accounts at the Federal Reserve. There is no mystery where the money is from; the time the first payment file was transmitted on Friday, March 12, to when all recipients will have access to the money on Wednesday – it is still with the government.”

How can I track my stimulus payment?

You can check the status of your stimulus payment by using the “Get My Payment” tool at [irs.gov](#), which is available in English and Spanish.

Federal benefit recipients – such as those receiving Social Security retirement benefits, survivor or disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement benefits, or veterans benefits – can also use the tool to check their payment status.

Just be aware that some people have reported trouble accessing the tool. And no point in calling the IRS. If you get locked out – you get three attempts – you’ll have to wait 24 hours before trying again.

Why does the ‘Get My Payment’ tool say ‘Payment Status Not Available’?

The IRS says if you get this message, either the agency hasn’t processed

your payment yet, it doesn’t have enough information to issue a payment, or you’re not eligible to receive the third-round economic-impact payment.

Why does the ‘Get My Payment’ tool give me a message that says ‘Need More Information’?

It’s likely that the IRS tried to mail a payment and it was undeliverable. If you get this message, you may be able to use the “Get My Payment” tool to enter bank account information, which will allow the agency to send you a payment via direct deposit.

However, only people who get this message can use the tool to provide their bank account information, the IRS said on an information page about using the “Get My Payment” tool.

I was eligible for the full \$1,400 based on my 2020 return, but I only received a partial direct deposit payment. What should I do?

The IRS may have used your 2019 tax return. It’s possible, based on that return, you weren’t entitled to the maximum \$1,400 stimulus payment because you earned too much.

For the third round of payments, eligible individuals with an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less are entitled to the full \$1,400. The ceiling is \$112,500 for individuals filing as head of household and \$150,000 for couples filing jointly.

However, taxpayers will not receive a third payment if their adjusted gross income exceeds \$80,000 if filing single or married people filing separately, \$120,000 if filing as head of household, or \$160,000 if married and filing a joint return, or if filing as a qualifying widow or widower.

Fortunately, the IRS said it will be reviewing 2020 returns and, if a taxpayer is entitled to more money, the agency will adjust the return and automatically issue the remaining balance. So, additional payments will be made as the IRS continues processing tax returns.

The IRS has until the end of the year to issue the 2021 economic impact payments. If for some reason you’re eligible for the stimulus funds but still haven’t received the money, you can claim it on your 2021 return when you file next year.

What should I do if I didn’t get a direct deposit?

It’s possible the IRS will be mailing you a check or a prepaid debit card with your stimulus payment. So, check your mail carefully. Many people in both the first and second round of stimulus payments mistook the debit card for junk mail.

The debit card is issued by the Treasury Department’s financial agent, MetaBank.

How can I avoid paying fees on the debit card?

To avoid fees, move the money from the prepaid debit card to your bank account. MetaBank says instructions for the most recent debit card are coming, but based on previous rounds, you would have to use the Money Network Mobile App or go online to [eipcard.com](#) to transfer the stimulus payment.

You can also use the card at an ATM, but to avoid fees, you’ll have to find a machine that’s “in-network.” It’s similar to how you can avoid an ATM fee by using one operated by your own financial institution. If you use a foreign or “out-of-network” machine, you may be charged two fees, one by MetaBank and one by the operator of the ATM. Be sure to click the box to find a “surcharge-free” ATM.

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## Vaccine hunters step in to help those getting lost in tech-savvy competition for doses

By MICHELE MUNZ  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (TNS)

ST. LOUIS – Dr. Elizabeth Bergamini works nights as a pediatrician. During the day, she juggles caring for three children – ages 4 months, 2 and 5 – while booking vaccine appointments for others.

She estimates she’s helped about 500 people. She sits on the couch, while feeding or rocking her baby, with her laptop, her husband’s computer and phone.

“I spend a lot of time stalking websites and refreshing pages,” said Bergamini, 31, of Wildwood. “It’s a million different little links. If you are not a little bit tech-savvy, you can’t navigate these systems.”

Butch Hartmann of Richmond Heights was in that category. He saw a Feb. 17 story on the news about Mary Grobe, an area school teacher who was helping others find vaccine appointments. Hartmann, 78, called her school district and left her a message.

Hartmann was desperate to find a dose for his longtime girlfriend, Betty White, 74. With no computer or smartphone, he was having no luck with the health systems.

Grobe called him back, and four days later, Grobe had scored White an appointment at Walgreens in Ferguson. All White had to do was show up.

“She’s super cool on the computer, you know,” Hartmann said, “I call her the queen of the vaccine hunters.”

Grobe, 41, of St. Louis, is one of several “hunters” helping others navigate what has become the complicated world of finding COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

Every pharmacy, local health department, hospital system, clinic or state mass vaccine event has a different way to register or book appointments. And one must be quick.

With appointments getting snapped up as soon as they open, those with the time and savvy to monitor websites have a leg up. Residents able to travel to rural areas, where it’s easier to get appointments, also have an advantage.

Grobe said she’s helped about 600 people get appointments, mostly at pharmacies and clinics outside of urban areas.

“A lot is outside of St. Louis,” she said. “There’s more demand in St. Louis than we have appointments for people. I have people going to Farmington, Desloge, you are talking an hour or more away, because they want their vaccine.”

A recent report from Deloitte Consulting, a firm hired by the state of Missouri, found that during the last week of February, residents of the more populous areas of St. Louis, St. Charles and Jackson counties were the most mobile in seeking vaccines. The report also showed that the largest vaccination gaps – the number of eligible residents who have not gotten a dose – have remained in the urban areas for the past month.



Sara Diggins / St. Louis Post-Dispatch / TNS

Pediatrician Elizabeth Bergamini discovers nearly a dozen open COVID-19 vaccine appointments online while holding her four-month-old son, Louis, and texting a friend and fellow “vaccine sherpa” to coordinate signing people up for appointments from her home in Wildwood, Mo. on March 11.



**By MARCIA DUNN**  
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Nelson, who has a law degree and is a former captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979 to 1991. He was elected in 2000 to the Senate, where he served until his defeat in 2018 by former Florida Gov. Rick Scott.

**By WILL WEISSERT**  
Associated Press

Biden has used executive actions to begin rolling back much of that, but a sweeping plan he announced his first day in office to remake the immigration system has stalled in

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who is organizing his own border trip, said

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi noted Friday that “in the spring more people do come, so there will be more, as there are now.” But she said the Biden administration has plans to ensure

“There’s not just one lever that you should push on, or an all-or-nothing legislative approach,” said Peter Boogaard, a spokesperson for FWD.us, which advocates for immigrant rights. “And that doesn’t mean that you don’t need to continue to advocate for the broader approach.”

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Asst / HR Administrator or e-mail to <a href="mailto:btillet@peruutilities.com">btillet@peruutilities.com</a> Applications and complete job description can be found on Peru Utilities' website at <a href="http://www.peruutilities.com">www.peruutilities.com</a></p>	<p><b>Electrical / IT Foreman</b></p> <p>Purpose of Position: Electrical and IT work as part of a team, or alone, using a variety of skills to install, repair, wire and maintain industrial and office equip., commercial buildings and aggregate facilities, in accordance with established imi and governmental agencies' policies and procedures.</p> <p>Key Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain electrical and IT equipment for assigned locations.</li><li>• Train employees on proper electrical applications and safety.</li><li>• Perform routine electrical maintenance and perform repairs as needed.</li><li>• Assist with electrical renovation, rewiring for plant, building projects.</li><li>• Program, install and understand PLC/PC controls systems.</li><li>• Read and understand diagrams, drawings, blueprints, maintenance manuals and schematic diagrams.</li></ul> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High School diploma, or G.E.D., required.</li><li>• Vocational or college training preferred; minimum 2-4 years of electrical/IT experience required.</li><li>• Valid driver's license</li><li>• Must be able to work flexible shifts, including Saturdays if required.</li><li>• Must be able to travel through out the assigned region (vehicle provided)</li><li>• Must be able to lift up to 75lbs, frequent bending, squatting and overhead reaching required.</li></ul> <p>Apply by going to: <a href="mailto:Jobs@irvmat.com">Jobs@irvmat.com</a> Subject: Electrician</p> <p><b>PIPE WELDER</b> FULL TIME Certified Pipe Welder with at least 2 yrs. experience. 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Adoption Petition  
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Dear Abby



The problem is Peter has a friend, “Reggie.” I like Reggie, and he likes me. We have hung out as a group several times. To the best of my knowledge, Reggie has no idea Peter and I are FWBs.

Reggie recently asked me out to dinner as a date. I can see myself having a real relationship with him, but don’t know how Peter will react. Should I accept the invitation? I mean, it’s just one date. Also, should I mention it to Peter? – F.w.b. In The South

**DEAR F.W.B.:** You and Peter have agreed that you are NOT a couple. Accept Reggie’s offer and be upfront with Peter about it. The only thing that might change would be that Peter will have to find another friend with benefits because the sexual aspect of your relationship with him may be over.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a 22-year-old daughter from my first marriage and a 9-year-old son with my husband of 12 years. My husband is 57, and I just turned 41. I would like to have another baby, mainly because I want my 9-year-old son to have someone to grow up with. We have no other family. It’s just him and girl cousins, ages 9 and 5. Can you please advise me if my husband and I are OK or too old to have one more child? – Considering It In The West

**DEAR CONSIDERING:** I’m glad you wrote. This is something that should be discussed further with your husband to make sure you are on the same page, and also with your OB-GYN.

If your intention is that your children grow up together, this is something that should have happened years ago. As it stands, the 10-year age difference will mean your son will be grown and gone while your younger child is still at home.

A doctor with a specialty in genetics could be helpful as you gather information. It is important that you understand what precautions might be wise to take before making this decision.

**DEAR ABBY:** I care a lot about what friends, family – even the general public – do with their money. Specifically, I promote the benefits of owning a home, but I suspect my efforts to educate them may need a more loving approach. I just don’t want people I care about to throw their money away to their landlords. Do I need to be more loving and supportive vs. educating? – Community Helper In Michigan

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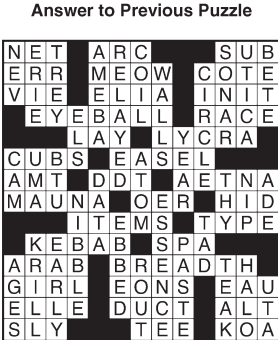
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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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 (Answers Monday)

Yesterday’s Jumbles: GAVEL HAIRY GOSSIP ENTICE Answer: They got to have the Saint Patrick’s Day parade after town officials gave the — GREEN LIGHT

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“Mommy! I hurt myself THIS MUCH!”

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# We don’t find happiness by seeking it

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** It seems the more people seek happiness the more delusional they become. Why? – H.D.

**A:** Happiness is elusive, and we don’t find it by seeking it. Happy is the person who has learned the secret of being content with whatever life brings him, and has learned to rejoice in the simple and beautiful things around him.

We seem to be happy when we are relatively free from troubles. When circumstances change – as they inevitably do – then happiness seems to evaporate. Often when we say we are “happy” we know it is only temporary. From time to time we may think we have found a degree of happiness, but sooner or later it will vanish. Our search, then, remains

unfulfilled.

But there is another kind of happiness – the kind for which we all long. This kind of happiness is lasting; it is an inner joy and peace which endures in any circumstance no matter what comes our way. It may even grow stronger in adversity. This is the kind of happiness to which Jesus summons us in the Beatitudes and comes only from God. He alone has the answer to our search for lasting happiness. “He who heeds the word [of God] wisely will find good, and... happy is he” (Proverbs 16:20).

Such happiness for which our souls ache is one undisturbed by success or failure, one which dwells deep within us and gives us inward contentment even in despairing circumstances; it needs no outward stimulus.

“Godliness with contentment is great gain. ... Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, [and] gentleness” (1 Timothy 6:6, 11). The teachings of Jesus are transformational, revolutionary, startling, deeply profound, and yet amazingly simple!

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ K X C J K C I Y Z U S C M O O P F O Y P  
W C K A M U P K T C P U X C C P E O M K F , F K O M F  
H K K V U Z J K F P , H X O M F P R P C D J P Z T M F  
U W C M F B O M A P . ” — A Z C O M F J X O Y P C

Previous Solution: “This (the Irish) is one race of people for whom psychoanalysis is of no use whatsoever.” — Sigmund Freud  
TODAY’S CLUE: A s i e n b a d





File photo by Scott Hunt / Chronicle-Tribune  
Southwood's Carson Rich, left, and Jason Oprisek defend against Eastbrook's Jett Engle during the Knights' 68-60 win on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in Marion.

## Southwood prepares for a boys basketball semi-state bout with Kouts

Saturday's game stands between Knights and a trip to Bankers Life Fieldhouse

By **CLAY MAXFIELD**  
Frankfort Times Freelance Reporter

Southwood's boys basketball team is taking their second trip in three years to the semi-state finals on Saturday. With just one game standing between the Knights and a trip to Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Southwood will first need to get past highly powered offense in No. 3 ranked Kouts High School. Kouts, winners of their last 21 games, come into Saturday's matchup with a record of 28-2 after defeating Triton in the regional finals, 56-42, and routing Washington Township with a final of 67-53 in the sectional championship. The Kouts Mustangs come into Saturday's game averaging 75.5 points on

offense, an element of their game that Southwood head coach John Burrus believes his team will have to stymie to win. "We're going to have to frustrate them," Burrus said. "We're going to have to get them out of sync. ... They've got two sets of twins. The Wireman twins and the Kneifel twins. The one Wireman brother has scored 2000 points himself. They're going to be a lot to stop." Southwood will look to put the defensive clamps on Cole Wireman who averages 26 ppg while his brother Cale Wireman compliments the team with nearly 17 points a game. Defensively, Kouts holds opponents to 52.2 points a game. The Knights will be led by Carson Rich, a senior point guard who averages 23 points but a game but has erupted in tournament play for two 40 point games and a 32 point average. Rich, who is shooting 64 percent from the

field through regionals is also over four steals a game. Three other Knights including Alex Farr, Cole Winer, and Dawson Phillip aid Southwood's offense by combining for over 30 points a game. On offense, Southwood averages 65.2 points a game while holding opposing teams to 53.4 on defense. After winning 54-43 over Lafayette Central Catholic in the regional championship, Coach Burrus believes that a consistent effort defensively and on the glass will be major factors in keeping their tourney run going. "We need to lock them up. They're going to have to consistently be stopped and then rebounding. They're long kids and we gotta keep them off the boards. We need to get Carson Rich going too. If we can get him going, I think that will help the other guys," Burrus said. Clay Maxfield, Frankfort Times freelance reporter, may be reached by email at [sports@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:sports@wabashplaindealer.com).

## Jackson named HCAC Newcomer of the Year

Miller also honored by HCAC on March 12

By **DILLON BENDER**

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced its 2021 Women's Basketball All-Conference teams and award winners on Friday, March 12. Both Tiara Jackson, from East Chicago and Central High School, and Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, were honored in this year's awards list. Jackson was named the 2021 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year. Additionally, Jackson also landed spots on the All-HCAC Second Team and the HCAC



Provided photos  
Macy Miller earned Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors.

All-Newcomer Team. In her first season in a Black and Gold uniform, Jackson nearly averaged a double-double, posting averages of 10.2 points per game and



Tiara Jackson was named the 2021 HCAC Newcomer of the Year.

9.0 rebounds per game. Both figures led Manchester this season. Her 162 total boards on the season ranked first in the HCAC, while her 9.0 rpg ranked second in the league.

Jackson had grabbed seven or more rebounds in 14 of the 18 games she appeared in this year. She scored in double figures on 10 different occasions and racked up five double-doubles. Tiara also led Manchester and ranked second in the HCAC in blocked shots with 31. Junior Macy Miller earned Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors. Miller ranked second on the team in scoring and rebounding, posting averages of 10.1 points per game and 6.1 rebounds per game. Miller started all 16 games she played in this season. She scored in double figures eight times and grabbed seven or more rebounds six times. She also had two double-doubles this year. Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

## Bluffton tops Manchester in a softball doubleheader

Spartans will host Calvin University in a non-conference doubleheader on Saturday

By **DILLON BENDER**

The visiting Bluffton University Beavers swept Tuesday's softball doubleheader against the Manchester University Spartans. Bluffton cruised to a 13-3 victory in game 1 of Tuesday's doubleheader. Bluffton completed the sweep with a 10-5 triumph in game 2. Bluffton powered its way to victory in the opening game on Tuesday behind

Bobbi Adams' grand slam and a three-run home run. Adams went 3-4 at the dish with 9 RBI. Bluffton tallied 10 hits in the opening game and 16 hits in the second game. For Manchester, Kodi Douglass, from Huntington, went 2-6 across both games, clubbing a two-run home run in each game. Kendal Torrence, from Lowell, went 3-5 on the day with a triple and three runs scored. Manchester will host Calvin University in a non-conference doubleheader on Saturday, March 20, at the MU Softball Field. The first pitch is set for 1 p.m. Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

## Rose-Hulman muscles past Spartans soccer team on Wednesday

Manchester will host Hanover College Panthers Saturday

By **DILLON BENDER**

The Manchester men's soccer team fell in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play on the road at Rose-Hulman on March 17. The Fighting Engineers remained unbeaten on the season following a 6-2 victory over the Spartans. RHIT struck for a pair of early goals, jumping out to a 2-0 lead following scores in the 5th and 18th minutes. The Spartans got on the board in the 23rd minute following a goal by Harley Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School. Noah Black, from Swayzee and Mississinewa High School,

recorded an assist on the Kruschwitz goal. The Fightin' Engineers extended their lead before the intermission, scoring two more times in the first half. RHIT would go on to add goals in the 56th and 61st minutes. Manchester added one more goal in the 80th minute. Ruben Gonzalez, from Sylvania, Ohio, and Sylvania Northview High School, scored off a pass from Nathan Hunley, from Lafayette, and Lafayette Central Catholic High School. Manchester (3-2, 3-2 HCAC) will host the Hanover College Panthers on Saturday, March 20, in Spartan Stadium beginning at 5 p.m. Rose-Hulman (5-0, 5-0 HCAC) will play at Defiance on Sunday, March 21. Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

## Manchester men's tennis team drops tough battle to Adrian

Spartans will host Rose-Hulman on Saturday, March 20

By **DILLON BENDER**

The Manchester University men's tennis team dropped a hard-fought 5-4 battle to Adrian College on Saturday, March 13, at the Eastlake Athletic Club. The visiting Bulldogs took two of the three doubles matches on the afternoon. The Spartan duo of the Austin Arnold and Lake Rentschler teamed up for an 8-6 victory at no. 2 doubles. In singles action, Isaac Miller, from Millersburg and Fairfield High School,

defeated Adrian's Ron Ducharme 7-5, 6-4 at the no. 1 position. At no. 3 singles, Austin Arnold, from Coatesville and South Putnam High School, took down Joey Quigley 6-4, 7-6 (7-4). Blake Rentschler, from Griffith and Bishop Noll High School, rounded out the MU scoring on the day with a 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-7) triumph at the no. 3 flight. Adrian moved to 2-2 on the season while Manchester dropped to 2-4. The Spartans will host Rose-Hulman on Saturday, March 20, as HCAC play begins. Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

## College basketball fans are flocking to bet on NCAA tournament

By **WAYNE PARRY**  
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Jonathan Price was all set: He got tickets to the Elite Eight round of the NCAA basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden, where he, his two brothers and his dad would revel in hours of college basketball bliss. But that was last March, just before the coronavirus wiped out the March Madness tournament — and the boatloads of money that would have been bet on it. But this year, it's back.

On Friday, the 25-year-old from Staten Island, New York, was at the Borgata casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey, with a wad of cash and picks that he was too superstitious to reveal to a reporter. (He was wearing a North Carolina jersey, though.) "We're owed a March," said Price. "Last year got canceled, and it was pretty devastating. March Madness is something I look forward to as well. Spread out

over several weeks, the NCAA tournament is collectively the biggest sports betting event of the year. And though the amount that sportsbooks keep after paying out winning bets and other expenses is relatively small, the tournament is essential to their business, particularly in gaining customers they hope will stick with them throughout the year and bet on other sports. "In terms of betting interest, this year should prove to be a bit of a perfect storm for online wagering and shatter previous records," said Jay Croucher, head of trading at

PointsBet USA. "In combining factors like pent up demand after last year's cancellation, the growth of U.S. sports betting and how many more states are now online versus two years ago, it should come as no surprise that U.S. sportsbook operators are expecting huge numbers." Because many offices remain closed because of the pandemic, eliminating many office pools, fewer Americans expect to fill out brackets for the tournament this year. But the overall number of people making bets on March Madness should remain about the same as the last time the tourna-

ment was held, in 2019, according to the American Gaming Association, the gambling industry's national trade association. Kevin Hennessy, a spokesperson for FanDuel, said legal sports betting "continues to surpass our expectations." His company paid out more than \$17 million to customers on a March Madness betting promotion Thursday night. "We're gearing up for the greatest amount of engagement we've seen on the tournament thus far," added Johnny Avello, who's in charge of the race and sports books at DraftKings.






# Church Directory

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD


**Gospel Light Assembly of God**, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


## BAPTIST

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.


## CHURCH OF GOD

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Guest Preacher; phone: 260-563-4179; website: [www.wabashchristian.org](http://www.wabashchristian.org). Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

## FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

## INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH


 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: [bachelorcreek.com](http://bachelorcreek.com); Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


## LUTHERAN

**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. [www.LivingFaithWabash.org](http://www.LivingFaithWabash.org)

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! [tlcwabash@gmail.com](mailto:tlcwabash@gmail.com).

## UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.





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The potter controls the size and shape of the vessel spinning on the wheel; depending on the pressure of his fingers, the clay takes the form he chooses. At times God, the greatest potter, puzzles us. We do not understand how He shapes us in His own image and we question the form our life takes. Isaiah (64.8) trusted God's love... "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." Worship this week. Let God shape you into His image.

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Luke 20:1-26	Luke 22:1-38	Luke 22:39-71	Luke 23:1-25	Luke 23:26-49	Luke 23:50-56	Luke 24:1-12
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